

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006. Claims 3, 6 and 8-11 are pending.

Incorrect Finality of Office Action

The Office Action dated June 2, 2006 should not have been made final, for two reasons. First, claim 3 had not been changed and a new ground of rejection was made with respect to that claim based on Seko (US 2004/0061240) – thus, the action should not have been final in view of the new ground of rejection applied to the unchanged claim. Second, claim 3 was not changed and the PTO changed the ground of rejection so as to now contend that 202c (instead of 202b) meets the “wires” feature of the claim. For at least these two reasons, the finality of the Office Action is incorrect. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the finality of the Office Action dated June 2, 2006 be withdrawn.

All Claims Now Contain Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner’s allowance of claims 8-11. Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner’s indication that claim 6 contains allowable subject matter. In this regard, allowable claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, and allowable subject matter from claim 8 has been added to claim 3. In particular, based on the Examiner’s reasons for allowance in the June 2, 2006 Office Action, the allowable feature (solder resist) of claim 8 has been added to claim 3. Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance given the Examiner’s indication of allowable features.

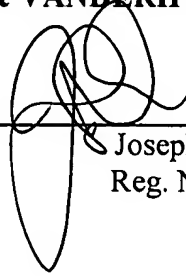
If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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